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SUBJECT: WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY. LATIN AMERICAN CCD REPS, JOINED BY SWEDEN, BELIEVE THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26 WITH INTENTION OF CALLING IMMEDIATELY FOR MEETING TO ADJOURN SINE DIE. WE THINK LOW- KEYED US SUPPORT FOR ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL WOULD BE ADVISABLE. PAKISTANI REP SAYS HIS CHINESE COLLEAGUES HAVE TOLD HIM PRC IS FURIOUS ABOUT UNSYG' S ACTION AND PLANS TO MAKE KNOWN ITS DISAPPOINTMENT-- PERHAPS EVEN ITS LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN UNSYG-- AT PERREP LEVEL IN NEW YORK OR AT HIGHER LEVEL FROM PEKING. CANADIAN DEL INFORMS US OF DISARRAY WITHIN WESTERN GROUP IN NEW YORK WHERE LUXEMBOURG CHAIRMAN FOR MONTH SEEMS APATHETIC, SPAIN IS PUSHING FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, WHILE FRANCE HAS BECOME QUITE DISTURBED ABOUT LEGALITY OF MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND IS CONSIDERING ATTENDING MEETING TO PUT ITS VIEW ON RECORD. END SUMMARY.

2. ON APRIL 11, AMB ECKERBERG OF SWEDEN, SPEAKING TO ARGENTINE AMB ORTIZ DE ROZAS IN PRESENCE OF AMB MARTIN (US), EXPRESSED OPINION THAT NON- ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD ATTEND APRIL 26 MEETING OF WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE, SINCE NOT GOING WOULD BE AN EXPRESSION OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN UNSYG AND WOULD WEAKEN UN. HOWEVER, AS SOON AS MEETING OPENED, MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT SHOULD BE MADE. ORTIZ DE ROZAS AGREED WITH THAT SUGGESTION. BERASATEGUI OF ARGENTINE DEL TOLD US APRIL 12 ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT ARGENTINA WANTS MEXICAN UN AMB GARCIA ROBLES TO COORDINATE SUCH TACTICS AMONG LATIN AMERICANS IN NEW YORK.

3. FOLLOWING POINTED SPEECH ON WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE BY ORTIZ DE ROZAS AT APRIL 12 CCD PLENARY (SEPTTEL), MARIN OF MEXICAN DEL- WHO HAD TELEPHONED MEXICAN AMB GARCIA- ROBLES IN NEW YORK- TOLD US DELOFF THAT LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES COULD NOT VERY WELL FAIL TO ATTEND WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING SINCE CHILE WOULD GO, AND LA CONFIDENTIAL

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SOLIDARITY WOULD BE RUPTURED. MARIN SAID THAT LA COUNTRIES SHOULD GO TO MEETING AND IMMEDIATELY ASK FOR " POINT OF ORDER" TO FORMALLY REQUEST ADJOURNMENT. MARIN ESTIMATED THAT FOUR LA COUNTRIES, AND PERHAPS CHILE AS WELL, WOULD VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT. MARIN ALSO SAID THAT UNSYG HAD CLEARLY EXCEEDED HIS AUTHORITY IN ISSUING INVITATIONS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. PAKISTANI AMB NAIK TOLD MARTIN APRIL 12 THAT HIS CHINESE COLLEAGUES HAD TOLD HIM PRC GOVERNMENT WAS FURIOUS ABOUT UNSYG'S ACTION AND PLANNED TO MAKE KNOWN ITS DISAPPOINTMENT-- AND PERHAPS ITS LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN UNSYG AS WELL-- AT UN PERMREP LEVEL IN NEW YORK OR AT HIGHER LEVEL FROM PEKING.

5. CLARK, CANADIAN DEPUTY, REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM CANADIAN UN MISSION STATING THAT LUXEMBOURG WESTERN GROUP CHAIRMAN FOR APRIL WAS APATHETIC, ITALIANS WERE " CAUSING TROUBLE", SPAIN WAS PUSHING FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING SO IT COULD PARTICIPATE, WHILE FRENCH WERE BECOMING INCREASINGLY DISTURBED ABOUT PACE OF EVENTS CONCERNING SPECIAL COMMITTEE. FRENCH FEEL IT WAS ILLEGAL TO CONVENE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WITH ONLY THIRTY- ONE PARTICIPANTS AND ARE CONSIDERING SHOWING UP AT SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO PUT THEIR POSITION ON RECORD.

6. COMMENT: SEEN FROM GENEVA VANTAGE POINT, SWEDISH/ LA SUGGESTION OF ATTENDING MEETING WITH IDEA OF OBTAINING ITS IMMEDIATE ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE APPEARS REASONABLE. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT FEW OF OUR ALLIES AND VERY FEW NON- ALIGNED COUNTRIES COULD BE PERSUADED NOT TO ATTEND MEETING AT ALL IN VIEW OF SLAP IN FACE SUCH ACTION WOULD MEAN FOR UN AND UNSYG PERSONALLY. IF NATO COUNTRIES AND JAPAN WOULD JOIN IN LA/ SWEDISH PROPOSAL, IT SEEMS QUITE POSSIBLE, IF BY NO MEANS CERTAIN, THAT MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING WOULD VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT, ARGENTINES HERE HAVE IN FACT STRONGLY ASKED FOR US SUPPORT AS BRAZILIANS HAVE DONE IN NEW YORK (USUN 1320). WE THINK LOW- KEY US SUPPORT OF ADJOURNMENT PROPOSAL WOULD BE ADVISABLE. IT WOULD OF COURSE CONFORM WITH OUR ESTABLISHED POSITION OF OPPOSING PREMATURE WDC AS WELL AS WITH OUR ABSTENTION IN UNGA VOTE ESTABLISHING SPECIAL COMMITTEE. RIMESTAD

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